

# MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

October 7, 2022

### MINUTES

President Brad McCloud called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 65th Annual Meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 15, 2021 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Chuck Quinby. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as printed. On a vote, the motion passed.**

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed by Chuck Quinby showing an overall balance of \$208,001.85 and a checking account balance of \$73,043.25. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

REGISTRATION BOARD: Mark Nolte, Chair, presented the Registration Board report. He reported that the three members recently attended the NCEES meeting and that the LS exam is being converted to modules. He also attended the Design Alliance meeting where all the professions meet to discuss upcoming legislation as well as legislation that passed in the previous session.

STATE LAND SURVEYOR'S REPORT: Scott Faenger, State Land Surveyor, submitted a written report. Highlights from the report include the LSP is currently operating with 11 full time employees and are in need of a Land Surveyor or Land Surveyor Intern, and a Land Survey Technician. Some upgrades to their GPS equipment and drafting software have been made and they have requested to replace three of their vehicles. For FY23, they have increased the County Co-op reimbursement amount from \$300 to \$350 per corner.

The mission of the Repository Section is to acquire all recorded surveys, county survey records, any official unofficial surveys from state or federal agencies, donated private records or any other historical survey records that can be obtained from all 114 counties and the City of St. Louis, annually. The goal is to scan, index, and provide access to those records in a timely manner to the Land Surveying profession, public or anyone with an interest in these records. During the past fiscal year, the Repository processed 14,267 documents (856 of those are corner docs) to be added to the Land Survey Index (LSI) and the Corner Master Index (CMI) databases, an average of 1,189 documents per month. A total of 39,188 orders was received through online orders, an average of 3,266 orders per month.

Misty Perry from their office has been working on a project-funded in-part by the Forest Service updating the Cadastral Layer thru their nine districts, and this PLSS layer is available thru MSDIS along with a Township and County boundary layer for all you GIS users. Restoration of the USPLSS corners continues to be one of the primary goals and objectives of the Field Surveys Section. The county surveyor cooperative and private surveyor Co-op contracts resulted in the

restoration of 144 corners during FY22. There was a total of 856 corner documents submitted to the Land Survey Program this past year.

At this time, LSP has 23 active land survey investigations; 15 investigations were completed last year and 19 new investigations were added to the project list. Land Survey investigations were completed by in-house staff in a number of counties resulting in the reestablishment and restoration of 70 USPLSS corners. In FY22, LSP recovered 485 control marks and collected 465-4 hour sessions on those marks to update the geoid model. LSP is still waiting on NGS's review.

He reported that NGS is retiring the U.S. Survey foot with the International foot at the end of the year. Their office intends to use the International foot moving forward in January 2023. They enclosed a Salary Survey in the handouts that everyone received and asked for responses in order to provide information about their land survey tech and PLS positions that are available at LSP.

**NSPS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mike Zahner reported that NSPS was meeting the next week in Oklahoma City, OK and the FIG were meeting soon in Orlando. He introduced the new NSPS Executive Director, Tim Burch who is from Chicago. Tim discussed his background and the challenges ahead for surveyors. He reported that many states are trying to do away with licensure of surveyors and reported how important the CST program is to the future of surveying. He announced that his pod cast has been very successful with different guests and topics each time. He also reported that the Missouri Surveyor newsletter had won the prize for the best state newsletter for 2022 and recognized the Editor, Don Martin.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Annual Meeting:** Stan Emerick, chair, reported that there were 320 attendees for the 65<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and that the Thursday session on drones where participants were asked to follow a course outside was well attended.

**County Surveyors Committee:** Jerry Wood, chair, absent. Matt Thomas reported that the county surveyors are working on the final point monument for Norman Brown and asking for donations to pay for this monument.

**CST Committee:** Norman Ellerbrock, chair, reported that no one signed up for the CST exam. He asked for ideas on getting people involved with the CST program and announced that the test is being revamped.

**Education Committee:** Chairman Dan Govero reported that the 2023 Spring Workshop will be on topics such as employment, equipment, easements, business, and software and will feature breakout sessions on various topics of interest to surveyors.

**History Committee:** Matt Thomas, chair reported on the progress of the presentation of the Osage Treaty Line next year and the Santa Fe Trail Association at Fort Osage. They would like to recreate the running of the Missouri western boundary in the Kansas City area. This will be

done with the help of the Kansas City Metro and Southwest chapters of MSPS.

**Legislative Committee:** Bart Korman, chair, and Lynne Schlosser, lobbyist, reported on the passage of the Education and Experience requirement change in HB 2149 and thanked the sponsors Senator Mike Bernskoetter and Rep. Don Mayhew. This bill becomes effective on January 1, 2024. They also reviewed HB 1720, a corner definition bill by Rep. Don Mayhew which was passed and added to the Omnibus Agriculture bill during the special session in September. Don Mayhew, spoke on some legislation that he is planning to reintroduce dealing with Sections 60.301, 60.315 and 60.345 by adding three new sections. They all discussed the importance of a healthy PAC in order to donate to candidates.

**Membership Committee:** Robert Anderson announced that a written report was in the meeting handouts and that membership numbers were at 868 as of September 27, 2022 which includes all membership categories.

**Newsletter:** Don Martin, editor, absent. A written report was submitted for the packet on the various articles written for the newsletter as well as the members who authored these articles.

**Awards/Nominating Committee:** Earl Graham, chair reported on the nominations for each office and the results of the election and awards are below:

Ray Riggs as President  
Bob Anderson as President Elect  
Chuck Quinby as Vice President  
Mark Wiley as Secretary/Treasurer  
Phil Grout as a Board Member  
Bart Korman as a Board Member  
Lifetime Achievement Award - Sandra Boeckman, Executive Director

Award winners from the luncheon are:

Surveyor of the Year - Monnie Sears  
Robert E. Myers Service Award - Ron Heimbaugh  
Legislative awards - Senator Mike Bernskoetter and Rep. Don Mayhew

**PAC Committee:** Bart Korman, co-chair, reported the balance in the PAC account was \$1,524.28. Profits from the golf tournament will be deposited to the PAC account.

**Public Relations Committee:** Charles Quinby reported that he will try to add more to Facebook as part of the duties of the PR committee and he reported on the other items for sale such as portfolios and thermo cups, hats, tee shirts and hoodies.

**Scholarship/Trigstar Committee:** Gerald Bader, chair, announced that the Scholarship Committee had given out two non traditional scholarships and had Trip Star presented at three schools in Missouri.

**Standards Committee:** Robert Ubben, chair, had no report.

**Technology/GIS Committee:** Jess Moss and Travis Tomson, co-chairs, had no report.

**Young Surveyors/Mentoring:** Kellan Gregory, chair, reported that his committee had a meeting at the breakfast and several seasoned surveyors spoke to the group. His goal is for this committee to be a resource to surveyors across the state. He also wants to include the LSIT's participation in the committee.

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

**Metro:** No report.

**St. Louis:** It was reported that the St. Louis Chapter had a new revamped website and a new Facebook page. Also, many of the documents from the conference will be housed on the website.

**Southwest:** No report.

**Ozark:** No report.

**Southeast:** No report.

**Central:** No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**None**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.